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DUE TO RETIREMENTS, ATTRITION & TRANSFERS, COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE REORGANIZATION RESULTING IN STAFF CHANGES

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today announced changes within their offices and the County Manager’s Office that will result in budgetary savings of over \$237,000.

Acting Assistant County Manager Michael Gastley will retire after over 38 years of experience in budget and finance, effective September 30. He was appointed on May 20, 2011, as acting assistant county manager after serving as budget officer and in various leadership capacities in the Finance Division.

Board President Blaine Young commented, “We are grateful that at the board’s request Mr. Gastley delayed his retirement earlier this year to help Acting County Manager David Dunn transition into his position. But, we understand that he would now like to spend more time with his family. He has done an exemplary job for many years and has guided us and past boards through many challenging times. The commissioners, Mr. Dunn and our division directors hold him in high regard and wish him the very best in his retirement.”

The board also voted unanimously to remove the “acting” title, making David Dunn the County Manager. In addition, the commissioners have frozen the assistant county manager position.

In related actions, Mr. Gastley’s Executive Assistant Sharon Hale will retire as of August 31 after serving in an exemplary fashion for over 20 years in county government. After her departure, Executive Assistant Heidi Keeney, who currently provides support for Commissioners Billy Shreve and Kirby Delauter, will move in to this position to provide assistance to the County Manager’s Office executive team. Ragen Cherney will now assist these commissioners in addition to his ethics compliance, legislative, constituent and other areas of responsibility in the County Manager’s Office.

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The vacant administrative coordinator position in the County Manager's Office has been eliminated creating additional savings; Mary Baker, who previously filled this position, recently accepted a lateral transfer to a position in the Division of Fire & Rescue Services.

In addition to these reorganization actions, after analysis of information obtained at the recent Maryland Association of Counties summer conference, the board and county manager realized that the county was not taking advantage of available state grant dollars for capital improvement and related projects. The county has not been aware of these funds and therefore they are not being utilized. The creation of a potential position to pursue these funds will be presented in open public session next Thursday, as it is expected to realize considerable savings for the taxpayers of Frederick County.

The reorganization of the County Manager's Office and the offices of the Board of County Commissioners will also be officially presented to the public in open session next Thursday.

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